

In claim 12, please change "INF- α " to --IFN- α - after "such that the".

In claim 16, change "INF- α " to --IFN- α -- after the words "orally administering".

In claim 17, after "wherein said", change "INF- α " to --IFN- α --

REMARKS

Reconsideration of the pending claims as amended in view of the remarks *infra* is respectfully requested. Claims 1-18 are pending currently. Claims 2, 8, 12, 16 and 17 have been amended herein. No new matter has been added.

The 35 U.S.C. §102(b) Rejection:

Claims 1-5 and 6-7 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by **Cummins, Jr.** This rejection is respectfully traversed.

The Examiner directs attention to the following portions of **Cummins** to support this rejection: column 4, lines 19-36, col. 5, lines 50-55, col. 6, lines 12-26 and the claims. Column 4, lines 19-